

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

An optical switch includes a first waveguide holding member and a second waveguide holding member disposed on a substrate. The first waveguide holding member moves relative to the second waveguide holding member. A movement guiding member guides the motion of the first waveguide holding member and the substrate.

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Advantageously, the first waveguide holding member moves transversely relative to the second waveguide holding member. The traverse motion enables selective coupling between a waveguide in the first waveguide holding member and a waveguide

10     in the second holding member. Through this transverse motion of the second waveguide holding member, an optical switching action may be implemented.

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